

Data Manipulation in Excel

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> Dataset

The main dataset contains details for the ten most populous countries.

	A	B	C	D
1	Country	Country code	Internet TLD	Phone prefix code
2	China	CHN	.cn	599
3	India	IND	.in	91
4	United States	USA	.us	1
5	Indonesia	IDN	.idn	62
6	Pakistan	PAK	.pk	92
7	Brazil	BRA	.br	55
8	Nigeria	NGA	.ng	234
9	Bangladesh	BGD	.bd	880
10	Russia	RUS	.ru	7
11	Mexico	MEX	.mx	52

> Wildcards

Many data manipulation functions let you match any text character using wildcards.

	A	B
?	Match 1 character	"gr?y" matches "grey" and "gray"
*	Match 0 or more characters	"sp*y" matches "spy", "spry", and "springy"
~	Escape wildcard character	"~?~*~" matches "?*~"
◊	Match not blank	">" matches "anything"

Database calculation functions and conditional calculation functions allow numeric criteria wildcards.

	A	B
>	Match values greater than	'>10' matches values greater than 10
≤	Matches values less than or equal to	'≤10' matches values less than or equal to 10
=	Match values equal to	'=10' matches values equal to 10
◊	Match values not equal to	'>10' matches values not equal to 10

> Data Transformation

Subset Arrays for a Single Row with XLOOKUP()

Get the rows of a return array where the keys match a value with XLOOKUP()
=XLOOKUP("Nigeria", A2:A11, B2:D11)

Where the lookup value does not match a key, provide a default value with XLOOKUP(if_not_found)
=XLOOKUP("United Kingdom", A2:A11, B2:D11, "Country not found")

Where the lookup value does not match a key, return the next largest value with XLOOKUP(match_mode=1)
=XLOOKUP("United Kingdom", A2:A11, B2:D11, #N/A, 1)

Left joins with XLOOKUP()

F	G	H	I	J	
1	Landmark	Address	City	State	Country
2	Taj Mahal	Dharmapuri	Agra	Uttar Pradesh	India
3	Empire State	350 5th Avenue	New York	New York	United States
4	Winter Palace	32 Palace Embankment	St Petersburg	Northwestern District	Russia
5	Al Hambra	C. Real de la Alhambra	Granada	Andalusia	Spain

Left join two datasets with XLOOKUP() — Copy formula down the J column to complete the join
=XLOOKUP(J2, \$A\$2:\$A\$11, \$B\$2:D\$11)

Subset Arrays for Multiple Rows with FILTER()

Filter an array for values that match a value with FILTER() — Same as =XLOOKUP("Nigeria", A2:A11, B2:D11)
=FILTER(B2:D11, A2:A11="Nigeria")

Where the lookup value does not match a key, provide a default value with FILTER(if_empty) — Same as =XLOOKUP("United Kingdom", A2:A11, B2:D11, "Country not found")
=FILTER(B2:D11, A2:A11="United Kingdom", "Country not found")

FILTER can also return multiple rows
=FILTER(A2:D11, D2:D11<10)

Combine criteria using logical AND with FILTER(include1 * include2) — For text data < means "preceding alphabetically"
=FILTER(A2:D11, (A2:A11 < "N") * (D2:D11 > 100))

Combine criteria using logical OR with FILTER(include1 + include2)
=FILTER(A2:D11, (C2:C11 = ".in") + (C2:C11 = ".id"))

Find Positions in Lists with XMATCH()

Get the position in a list of the first exact match of a value with XMATCH()
=XMATCH("Brazil", A2:A11)

Get the position in a list of the first match that starts with a value with XMATCH(match_mode=1)
=XMATCH("I", A2:A11, 1)

Get the position in a list of the first match using wildcards with XMATCH(match_mode=2)
=XMATCH("Me?ico", A2:A11, 2)

For data sorted in ascending order, use faster binary search for same task XMATCH(search_mode=2)
=XMATCH("China", SORT(A2:A11), , 2)

Get Values by Position with INDEX()

Get the value by row and column number within an array with INDEX() — Row and column numbers start from 1
=INDEX(A2:D11, 5, 3)

Get the value that matches a condition with XMATCH() and INDEX() combined
=INDEX(A2:D11, XMATCH("Brazil", A2:A11), XMATCH("Country code", A1:D1))

Sort Arrays with SORT and SORTBY()

Sort an array in ascending order of values in a column with SORT()
=SORT(A2:D11, 3)

Sort an array in descending order of values in a column with SORT(sort_order=-1)
=SORT(A2:D11, 3, -1)

Sort an array by values of another array with SORTBY()
=SORTBY(A2:D11, C2:C11)

Sort an array by multiple arrays (for example breaking ties with values from second column)
=SORTBY(A2:D11, A2:A11, 1, B2:B11, -1)

Randomize row order with SORTBY() + RANDARRAY()
=SORTBY(A2:D11, RANDARRAY(COUNTA(A2:A11)))

Replace text with REPLACE() and SUBSTITUTE()

=REPLACE(B2:B11, 2, 1, "X") Replace a substring by position with REPLACE()

=SUBSTITUTE(B2:B11, "N", "X") Replace specific characters with SUBSTITUTE()

> Work with Cell Positions & References

=CHOOSE(RANDBETWEEN(1, 4), A2:A11, B2:B11, C2:C11, D2:D11) Choose a return value from the input with CHOOSE()

=INDIRECT(F1) Get the value in a reference to a cell with INDIRECT() — Suppose cell F1 contains the text value "A1"

=OFFSET(A2, 0, 3) Get the value in a cell by position relative to another cell with OFFSET()

=ROWS(A2:A11) Get the number of rows in an array with ROWS()

=COLUMNS(A2:D2) Get the number of columns in an array with COLUMNS()

=ROW(A2:A11) Get the number of row number of cells with ROW()

=COLUMN(A2:D2) Get the number of column number of cells with COLUMN()

> Calculate with Database-like Filters

Assume an additional dataset in the worksheet containing filter conditions. Perform calculations using database-like filter conditions with D*()

Find the maximum of elements matching filters
=DMAX(A1:D11, "Phone prefix code", A10:D15)

COUNT of elements matching filters
=DCOUNT(A1:D11, "Phone prefix code", A10:D15)

SUM of elements matching filters
=DSUM(A1:D11, "Phone prefix code", A10:D15)

AVERAGE of elements matching filters
=DAVERAGE(A1:E11, "GDP", A10:E15)

STDEV of elements matching filters
=DSTDEV(A1:E11, "GDP", A10:E15)

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